

Deficiencies and Corrective Actions Status Report:

CUPA: Santa Cruz Environmental Health Department

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- 5. Deficiency:** The CUPA did not update their area plan within the last three years. The CUPA's area plan was last updated in 1991 and needs to be revised to reflect changes within their jurisdiction. At the time of the October 19-20, 1998 evaluation, the CUPA staff had made some draft revisions to the area plan, but the revisions were incomplete. During the October 16-17, 2001 evaluation, the CUPA staff was working on developing and executing a memo of understanding between emergency response agencies for emergency response coordination. Since the last evaluation, the CUPA staff has attempted to update the area plan but emergency response agencies and the CUPA have not agreed upon the final updated version.

June 2007 CUPA Corrective Action: *The Area Plan is complete and ready to be signed by all the agencies with jurisdiction and/or responsibility. The new Area Plan includes recent changes in response capabilities and incorporates "Pesticide Drift".*

Simultaneously, the new Memorandum of Understanding for Hazardous Materials Emergency Response capabilities with the newly reformed interagency team will be circulated and signed as well. We have hit a snag with our State Park partners (which own over 25% of the area of the County) and are awaiting an answer from Sacramento before we can proceed any further. I contact my local State Parks Superintendent once a month to seek updates on the progress with the State's attorneys and they have told me they are very close to having it all worked out.

June 2007 Cal/EPA Response: We will continue tracking this deficiency until OES receives a copy of the Area Plan.

September 2007 CUPA Corrective Action: *The Memorandum of Understanding has completion bogged down. The State wanted to make several changes to the wording of the original agreement. County Counsel reviewed the document and did not have any problems with the changes however the agency with that administers the response vehicle*

has had several issues with the changes. I am making every effort to work through these changes and hope to have it completed by the end of the year.

September 2007 Cal/EPA and OES Response: Unfortunately Cal/EPA and OES do not feel the Santa Cruz CUPA is making sufficient progress towards correcting this deficiency. In the next deficiency progress report, Cal/EPA and OES would like more progress towards correcting this deficiency. Please contact Brian Abeel with OES for assistance in finalizing the Area Plan.

January 2008 CUPA Corrective Action: *I have been working with our County Counsel to come up with language in the Memorandum of Understanding that is agreeable to all parties. I am scheduled to meet with the Fire Chief of the Agency that provides our Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team services, Thursday of this week (01/31/08). It is my hope that we will be able to work out the final details on Thursday. If we can agree on the language, the document will be ready to send back to the State for their signoff. Once this occurs, the new document will need to be reviewed and signed by each of the cities, the University, State Parks, and the County. Once all parties sign the MOU, the Area Plan can be put into place.*

January 2008 Cal/EPA and OES Response: At the time of the Santa Cruz CUPA Evaluation in April 2008, provide an update to Cal/EPA and OES on the status of this deficiency. If the Memorandum of Understanding and the area plan become final prior to the evaluation please provide both to Cal/EPA for review prior to the April 2008 evaluation.